

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Camp Fire USA****Project Title:**

Camp Fire USA - Camp Kushtaka Rebuild

State Funding Requested: \$ 520,000
One-Time Need**House District: 35 - R****Brief Project Description:**

Rebuild Camp Kushtaka

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$2,752,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Other			\$2,192,000			
Total			\$2,192,000			

Explanation of Other Funds:

\$1,067,000 - Private Foundations

\$550,000 - Corporations

\$380,000 - Pro Bono Architectural/Engineer Services

\$195,000 - Individuals

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Road and parking area with underground utilities - funds are being requested to contribute to the installation of essential water and waste water services that are compliant with State and Borough land use requirements while being sensitive to conditions set forth in DNR's lease. The work will include site access and the development of a cleared playfield allowing Camp Fire to expand the existing program to include a broader range of outdoor activities. Camp Fire is mandated to complete these infrastructure improvements as a requirement of the Kenai River Special Use Management Area Plan.

Funds are also being requested to install pilings needed for the foundations for a resident cabin duplex. The continued construction work to erect the structures will be performed by volunteers.

Project Timeline:

Work would begin this summer

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Camp Fire USA

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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RE: Support of elected district Senators and Representatives and community needs

Dear Governor Palin:

Congratulations on the expectant new addition to your family. I'm sorry we missed seeing you March 3 when we visited the Capital. I left a note, Watch for Bear button and a copy of the Sexy Senior Dumpster Cleaners cookbook that I wrote. I know you have a lot of important documents to go over, but I hope you will find time for some pleasure reading and maybe try out some of the receipts too.

We are proud of Senator Gary Stevens and Representative Paul Seaton and the job they are doing to represent all of us in their district. We met with several senators and representatives from other districts as well to express our support of needs in our district and the funds needed for Camp Kushtaka.

It was brought to my attention that Camp Fire USA is planning essential water and waste water re-development and upgrade for Camp Kushtaka located on Snug Harbor Road in Cooper Landing. They are mandated to complete these infrastructure improvements as a requirement of the Kenai River Special Use Management Area Plan.

Camp Kushtaka has been hosting camp for young people since 1966. Over 600 children attend camp each summer. Their facilities have also been available for other groups of young people including camp for asthmatic and diabetics. The improvements to the facilities will make it possible to accommodate more young people and modernize the program areas which were erected in 1970.

Their program encourages cooperation, confidence and goal setting in a community environment with outdoor activities. It's exciting to have programs in place that get the young people off the couch and into activities with other children.

I encourage you to support funding for this worthy program and consider the needs of communities around the State. Thank you for working with our legislators, who are in close contact with their constituents and represent the needs expressed to them by the small communities in their district.

Sincerely,

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